

coverts black, glossed with green. In some specimens apparently immature the under tail and wing-coverts are tipped with fulvous. "Iris dark red-brown" (*J. Stephens*); legs feet and bill black. The bill is strong and laterally compressed, about one-third longer than the head.

Measurements.

Length about	..	..	..	12 inch.	12 inch.	12 inch.
Wing	..	..	..	5·7	5·7	5·75
Tail	..	..	..	5·3	5·5	5·3
Tarsus	..	..	..	1·15	1·1	1·2
Bill from forehead..	..	..	..	1·85	1·7	1·83
Bill from nostril	..	..	..	1·3	1·15	1·25
Bill from gape	..	..	..	1·8	1·6	1·75
Bill, height at nostril	..	..	..	0·5	0·5	0·52
Bill, width below nostril	..	..	..	0·3	0·3	0·3
Sex	..	..	..	♂	♀	♀

Hab. San Christoval.

Several specimens of both sexes obtained at "Wano" San Christoval in April last (1882).

This species comes near *D. læmostictus*, but differs from all other species in the length and laterally compressed form of bill.

DESCRIPTION OF A NEW SPECIES OF *CORIS* FROM LORD HOWES' ISLAND AND NEW SOUTH WALES.

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CORIS SEMICINCTA.

D. 9—12. A. 3—12. L. lat. 80. L. transv. about 4·5.

General form elongated and laterally compressed; the length of the snout is more than twice the long diameter of the eye, which is six times in the length of the head; the head is four times in the length of the body without the caudal. The height

of the body at the first anal spine is four times and a half in the length, without caudal, and five and one-fifth in the total length. Coloration—A blackish band along the lower half of the dorsal fin; commencing on the second dorsal spine is a band of bright canary-yellow, widening out towards the tail and margined above with a narrow line of pale lilac; an oblong dull longitudinal reddish-yellow spot on the forehead, snout light brown, a broad band on either side extends through the eye along the body on to the tail, with transverse short bars descending down the sides of the body at right angles from it; these bars are occasionally confluent on the tail; there is also a broad subterminal band of brown, on the hinder limb of the operculum, the outer margin being lilac, the throat and the sides of the head from below the eye are rich lilac; pectoral fins yellowish translucent, tipped conspicuously with black, the ventral and anal fins and the belly yellow, the interspaces between the bars on the sides lilac like the cheeks, the caudal fin is bright canary-yellow, narrowly margined with lilac; the upper half of the broad lateral band is paler than the lower, and is tinged with lilac.

The specimen from which the above description has been taken was caught near Broken Bay, and forwarded to the Museum in a fresh state by Mr. H. Breakwell. I had previously obtained a specimen from Lord Howe's Island, through Capt. Armstrong.

NOTES AND EXHIBITS.

The Hon. W. Macleay exhibited a specimen of *Chersydrus annulatus* of Gray. He said that he was indebted to Mr. De Vis, of the Queensland Museum, for this specimen, which was the first he had ever seen of the kind. It is a freshwater snake, found in the rivers of India, Sumatra, and New Guinea, but never hitherto known as an inhabitant of Australia. The present specimen came from Cairns.